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EX PARTE NOTICE

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: ALLTEL Communications Inc., Petitions for Designation
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and for Consent to Redefine the
Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies,
CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882, 03-3824, 03-3825, 04-
565, 04-686, 04-998, 04-999

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Glenn S. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel, for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), and the undersigned, also representing ALLTEL, met yesterday with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, and separately with Scott Bergmann, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss the status of ALLTEL's petitions for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in non-rural areas of Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida and its petitions for consent to redefine the rural service areas in Wisconsin and Michigan.

The ALLTEL representatives emphasized that ALLTEL's ETC petitions are limited to non-rural service areas, and some have been pending for over one year. They explained that, in light of the *Virginia Cellular ETC Order*¹ and ALLTEL's service

¹ *Virginia Cellular, LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Commonwealth of Virginia*, 19 FCC Rcd 1563 (2004).

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commitments, as supplemented,² those ETC petitions should be granted expeditiously. None of ALLTEL's petitions raises novel or difficult issues, and they all should be decided by the Wireline Competition Bureau applying the governing principles on delegated authority. The views expressed by the ALLTEL representatives during the meeting tracked the positions set forth in ALLTEL's filings in these proceedings.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of the above referenced proceeding. If you have any questions regarding this *ex parte* notice, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt

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² See Letter from G. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel, ALLTEL, Inc., to M. Dortch, Sec'y., Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882, 03-3824, 03-3825 (Mar. 1, 2004).